

Alexandria Gazette.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 2, 1903.

The House of the Hens' Feathers.
There is, or used to be, in Peking a wonderful institution known as the Ki Mao Gan, or the House of the Hens' Feathers. This establishment is in reality one vast hall, the floor of which is covered with a thick layer of feathers. Men, women and children are admitted to this great dormitory, where for a sum amounting to the value of one-fifth of a farthing they can spend the night. Every one settles himself immediately he enters and makes his nest as well as he can in this ocean of down.

At one time single coverlets were provided, but the authorities found that the inmates concealed them and sold them when they got outside. So extensive did these abstractions of the coverlets become that a huge felt counterpane was made, which is let down by pulleys from the room of the building. The system by which the counterpane is managed is delightfully simple. When every one has lain down to rest the coverlet is let down over the whole assemblage, while large holes, through which the inmates put their heads, obviate the danger of suffocation.

Animals That Are Bad Sailors.
A French scientist has made interesting observations as to the love of different wild animals for the sea. The polar bear, he says, is the only one that takes to the sea and is quite jolly when aboard ship. All others violently resent a trip on water and vociferously give vent to their feelings until seasickness brings silence.

The tiger suffers most of all. The mere sight of a ship makes him uncomfortable, and when on board he whines pitifully, his eyes water continually, and he rubs his stomach with his terrible paws.

Horses are bad sailors and often perish on a sea voyage. Oxen are heroic in their attempts not to give way to sickness. Elephants do not like the sea, but are amenable to medical treatment. A good remedy in their case is a bucketful of hot water containing three and a half pints of whisky and seven ounces of quinine.

Name Famous in Denmark.
The Copenhagen correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt sent his paper an interesting article on the "name famine" in Denmark. In no nation, he says, is the choice of the family name so limited. It very often happens that four persons unknown to each other sit down to a game of whist and later present themselves respectively as Hansen. He proves this statement by quoting Dr. Krak, the compiler and publisher of the Copenhagen Wegweiser, the largest Danish street directory. According to Dr. Krak, out of a population of 500,000 in the Danish capital 42 per cent end their names with "sen." Some 50,000 are named Hansen, which is used by the largest number of persons.

Obituary of Napoleon.
When the great Napoleon died there were doubtless among the readers of the London Globe many persons who would have liked to read a full account of his life, but, if so, they were disappointed, for the Globe in its issue of July 4, 1821, contained only the following brief notice:

"Death of Bonaparte. We announce the death of Bonaparte. The official announcement was received this morning at the admiralty. His death took place on June 5. His health had been declining for a long time, and the cause of death was a cancer in the stomach. He was born in 1769. The cost of his maintenance at St. Helena was each year between £200,000 and £300,000."

Lamb's Taste in Books.
In this catalogue of books which are no books—biblia-biblia—I reckon court calendars, directories, pocketbooks (the literary exception), draught boards bound and lettered on the back, scientific treatises, almanacs, statutes at large, the works of Hume, Gibbon, Robertson, Beattie, Soumei Jennings and generally all those volumes "which no gentleman's library should be without," the histories of Plinius Josephus (that learned Jew) and Paley's "Moral Philosophy." With these exceptions I can read almost anything. I bless my stars for a taste so catholic, so unexcluding.—Charles Lamb.

Useful Spiders.
A French savant points out that spiders' webs improve the acoustic properties of a room. He says he knew in England a hall that was ideal for the conveyance of sound. In an evil moment it was decided to clean the ceilings, and all the spiders were dislodged. The hall was ruined as a place for speaking. The savant suggests that cotton strings might be hung loosely across ceilings to improve the sound carrying properties of the room.

About the Limit.
Mr. Slowman (on the occasion of his fiftieth call)—It's funny, Miss Peppers, that I should be so absent minded, but I really can't think what I have come here to see you about.
Miss Peppers—Can't, eh? Well, I can tell you. You have come here to see me about once too often.—Boston Courier.

Better than a Plaster.
A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by Richard Gibson.

The Lone Star State.
Down in Texas at Yankum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good. For the 'dark brown' taste, headache and the long feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by all druggists.

A Costly Mistake.
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c. at E. S. Leadbeater & Son's drug store.

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Alexandria Times

Alexandria Gazette

Armstrong, F. Marbury

Alexandria Water Works

Anderson, E. M.

Birrell, J. Fred

Barnett, W. T.

Baggett, Oscar F.

Blondheim, Chas.

Bowls, A.

Boothe, Gardner J.

Burroughs, T. F. Sons & Co.

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Bain, W. E.

Brill, J. H.

Crilly, J. H.

Chatham's Stable, R. L. Myers & Co.

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City Gas Office

City Almshouse

City Engineer Office

County Jail

Corporation Court

Crawford, A. E.

Cook, W. A.

Deifus, J. & Co.

Duncan, Jas. residence

Duncan, W. T. residence

Downham, E. E. residence

Downham, E. E. store

Fitzgerald, J. B.

Entwistle, J. L.

Episcopal High School (Seminary Hill)

Entwistle, J. W. drugist

Fegan, S. H. West End, grocer

Fisher Bros.

Fannon, J. T.

Fleischmann House

Fairfax Independent Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Francis, Peter

Globe Flour Mills

Garrett & Monroe

Graves, W. P.

Goods, J. W. grocer

Goldsmith, E.

Groves, T. S.

Goodrich, Chas. Fairfax street residence

Harlow, A. E.

Harper, F. S.

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FINANCIAL.

CHARLOTTESVILLE AND RAPIDAN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 1, 1903.

To the holders of the Charlottesville and Rapidan Railroad Bonds: The following bonds, drawn for redemption by lot, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, will be paid at the office of the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, Philadelphia, Pa., with accrued interest, on JANUARY 1, 1904. Interest on said bonds will cease January 1, 1904.

Nos. 27, 124, 138, 177, 204, 249, \$1,000 each—\$7,000.

Nos. 288, 414, 420, 441, 449, 457, 488, 494, 496, 517, 547, 555, 574, 598, 618, 624, 633, 640, 665, 697, 715, 729, \$500 each—\$41,000.

Nos. 767, 801, 802, 810, \$100 each—\$400.

Total \$58,400.

Signed: JOHN W. BURKE.

EDW. L. DAINGERFIELD, Trustees.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.

Alexandria, Va., December 24, 1903.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. (5 per cent), payable on and after January 2, 1904.

dec24 td W. F. LAMBERT, Cashier.

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MEETINGS.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING OF THE AMERICAN RUTILE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1904, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be lawfully considered. The transfer books will be closed for ten days prior to the 4th of January 1904.

WM. M. SLATER, President.

SHEPHERD WILSON, Sec. and Treas.

dec19 td.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GEORGE W. KNOX EXPRESS COMPANY will be held at 10 a. m. THURSDAY, January 7, 1904, at the office of the company, No. 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va.

dec22 td M. K. LINN, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MECHANICS' BUILDING ASSOCIATION Nos. 2, 4 and 5, second series, of Alexandria, Va., will be held at No. 212 King street, on THURSDAY, January 7, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

dec15 td F. F. MARBURY, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the OLD DOMINION PERPETUAL BUILDING FUND ASSOCIATION, 1st and 2nd series, will be held on TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., at the office of James E. Cason, 111 south Fairfax street.

dec17 td L. E. UHLER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK for the election of a board of directors will be held at noon TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, in the bank building, northeast corner of King and Royal streets.

dec12 td T. C. SMITH, Cashier.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 14, 1903.

The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock.

dec14 19 jan12 td CHAS. R. HOOFF, President.

THE CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.

dec14 td W. F. LAMBERT, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of THE SAVINGS MUTUAL BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION of Alexandria, Va., will be held at their office, No. 119 south Fairfax street, on WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1904, at 7:30 p. m.

dec22 td M. B. HARLOW, President.

EDWARD J. FLEMING, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of THE NATIONAL RIFLES HALL ASSOCIATION will be held at the office of the company, 218 King street, Alexandria, Va., on THURSDAY, January 7, 1904, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for 1904, and the transaction of other business. The books of the association, for the transfer of stock, will be closed from December 24, 1903, to January 2, 1904. A dividend of six per cent on the par value of the stock has been declared and will be payable on and after January 2, 1904.

dec12 td GEO. W. EVANS, Secretary.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the GEORGE W. KNOX EXPRESS BUILDING ASSOCIATION, No. 5, of Alexandria, Va., will be held on the SECOND THURSDAY, January 14, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at their office, 313 King street, Alexandria, Va. Annual financial report, election of officers and amendment of article 16, section 4 of the constitution. By order of the Board of Directors.

dec14 cont JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Secretary and Treasurer.

PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS of the by-laws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of NEW WASHINGTON BRICK COMPANY, for the election of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting, will be held at the company's office, No. 111 south Fairfax street, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the first Thursday after the second Monday, being